

Women's tribute, 'Proudly She Serves' gala

The Tribute to Women in the Military and the "Proudly She Serves" gala are **March 5** in the Hilton Hotel, 1901 University Northeast.

The conference includes remarks by U.S. Rep. Heather Wilson and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. The conference includes workshops, exhibits and an open panel discussion.

First section of workshops, 9:15-10 a.m.

- ★ The truth about Women and Heart Disease
- ★ Identity Theft Seminar
- ★ Achieving Financial Abundance
- ★ Sexual Assault

Second section of workshops, 10:15-11 a.m.

- ★ Hormone Replacement Therapy
- ★ Self Protection
- ★ Living Alone and Being Financially Secured

Third section of workshops, 11:15-11:55 a.m.

- ★ Domestic Violence
- ★ Education and GI Benefits
- ★ Vocational Rehabilitation
- ★ Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

Nominations for the Maj. T. H. Baca, Cathay Williams and Sara Gist-Bernasconi awards presented at the evening "Proudly She Serves" Gala are due by **Feb. 7**.

Registration for the tribute is \$15 before **the end of today** and \$20 after today.

Tickets for the dinner-dance gala, 6 p.m.-midnight, cost \$20 for a single and \$38 a couple.

Make checks payable to VVNM/VVA-TRIBUTEXIX and send them to Tribute XIX, P.O. Box 91775, Albuquerque, N.M. 87199-1775.

For information, contact Lt. Col. Dorothy Silvanic, 846-0063, or Master Sgt. Jacqueline Pennington-Colvil, 846-7525. For registration, contact Betty Brooks, 821-1092.

OF NOTE

BLOOD DRIVES

★ Local blood drives

United Blood Services conducts blood drives on Kirtland AFB. Call 768-1408.

Upcoming drives are at:

- ★ Sandia Labs **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.;
- ★ 150th Fighter Wing, **Feb. 4**, noon-4 p.m., Bloodmobile, in front of clinic, Building 1079;

★ National Nuclear Security Administration Service Center, **Feb. 11**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Building 381, Conference rooms A, B and C;

★ Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, **Feb. 12**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Bloodmobile, behind Building 20130;

★ Space and Missile Systems Center Detachment 12, **Feb. 19**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Bloodmobile, in front of Building 414;

★ Air Force Research Laboratory, **Feb. 19**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Bloodmobile, in front of Building 497 corner of Calisle and Aberdeen;

★ Nuclear Weapons Directorate, **Feb. 19**, 7:30 a.m.-11 a.m., Bloodmobile behind Building 20325;

★ Veterans Affairs Medical Center, **Feb. 24**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Spinal Cord Training Room 1083 in the Spinal Cord Injury Building.

BRIEFINGS

★ New spouses

Heart Link Spouse Orientation is available by appointment at the Family Support Center.

The briefing, for spouses new to the military, is a one-on-one presentation about everything you should know about life in the military.

Register at 846-0741.

★ Pre-deployment

Family Support Center pre-deployment briefings are available on request.

Call Tech. Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie at 846-0741 for an appointment.

EVENTS

★ 58th SOW awards ball

The 58th Special Operations Wing has its annual awards ball, Feb. 20, 6 p.m., in the Mountain View Club.

The cost is \$17 for members and \$19 for others.

The menu includes garden salad with house dressing, stuffed chicken and sirloin of beef with supreme sauce, red skin roasted rosemary potatoes, green beans almondine, rolls and butter, coffee and tea, and cake.

See SOW first sergeants for tickets

★ ALS ceremony

The Airman Leadership School graduation ceremony and lunch is **Feb. 12**, 11:30 a.m., in the Mountain View Club.

Tickets are \$8 a person for club members and \$10 for others. They are available from students or by e-mail at 377mssdpn@kirtland.af.mil.

Purchase tickets by **Feb. 6**.

For upcoming class information, visit <https://www.mil.kirtland.af.mil/Organizations/als/ALS%20Home>.

★ Super Bowl party

Join the crowd at the Daily Grind, **Feb. 1**, at 4:25 p.m. for the Super Bowl game on big-screen TV.

Free munchies and beverages are available.

★ Loadmaster reunion

Professional Loadmaster Association's 2004 Gathering of Loadmasters is **May 23-27** at the Trump Taj Majal Casino Resort in Atlantic City, N.J.

All loadmasters are welcome to attend.

For reunion information, visit on line at www.loadmasters.com or contact J.P. Salisbury at 609-893-0363 or jpandbarb@comcast.net or Tom Kenny at 609-754-4403 or thomas.kenny@mcguire.af.mil.

MEETINGS

AFGE Local 2263

The American Federation of Government Employees 2263 meets the second Tuesday each month, 4:15 p.m., in the Civil Air Patrol Conference Room, Building 926, on Biggs Avenue, next to the Thrift Shop.

All bargaining unit employees are welcome. Meetings usually conclude by 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the local union office at 846-4363, fax 853-2343, email at afge.2263@kirtland.af.mil or visit www.afge2263.org.

★ Advisory council

The TEAM KIRTLAND Advisory Council meets **Feb. 3**, 3 p.m., in the Rio Grande Community Center.

The council meets the first Tuesday of every month.

All units are invited to send a representative to participate in the discussion of issues that affect the installation.

★ Preschool playgroups

Parents and their preschoolers are invited to attend weekly playgroups, **Fridays**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the Maxwell Child Development Center and **Wednesdays**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the Youth Center.

No reservation is needed.

Call Mike Walti, 846-0139.

MISCELLANEA

Power outage

The electrical outage originally scheduled for tomorrow in the 29000 area has been changed to **Feb. 7**.

The outage is expected to last five hours while a contractor ties into the aerial power line at Lovelace and Mount Washington Road.

★ Valentine's bouquets

The Kirtland AFB Company Grade Officers Council is selling Valentine's Day balloon bouquets for \$8 each for candy and a personal note.

Orders are taken through **Feb. 11** for bouquets delivered on the base Feb. 13.

To place your order, contact 2nd Lt. Rose Richeson at 853-6657 or rose.richeson@kirtland.af.mil.

OF NOTE

★ TRICARE survey

The TRICARE Management Activity has contracted with Westat Incorporated to conduct a telephone survey of TRICARE beneficiaries.

The survey, through **Feb. 18**, will gather information about beneficiary information needs, preferred sources, and information-seeking strategies. Results will be used to develop a new national suite of beneficiary education products and services.

The study calls for 10-minute phone interviews. TRICARE officials ask that people called participate in the survey to help improve TRICARE services.

The point of contact is Chuck Watkins, 703-681-1770 or customer.research@tma.osd.mil.

★ Free pizza delivery

Anthony's Pizza is offering free delivery every **Monday, Friday** and **Saturday**, noon-6 p.m.

This includes all menu items with a minimum order of \$10 per delivery and is limited to on-base only.

Call 256-1889.

★ Action lines

"Action lines" for customers to address concerns and questions to the squadron leadership of the 377th Services Squadron and the 377th Security Forces Squadron have been implemented.

The telephone number for the services squadron is 846-0588, and the telephone number for the security forces is 853-7447.

Callers will receive timely, personalized responses.

Continue dialing 911 or 853-9111 or the Law Enforcement Desk, 846-7913, for all police and security emergencies.

PERSONNEL

Basic Officer Training

Anyone applying for Basic Officer Training will encounter some changes.

The greatest change is that applicants in non-technical fields submitting an application must have a 3.00 grade point average and a composite score of 150, comprised from the academic aptitude, quantitative and verbal composite scores. This change is effective with the 0404 board.

The minimum grade point average for all rated applicants is 2.5 and composite score of 150. This change is effective with the 0405 board.

Early Out brief

The Early Out and Palace Chase briefing is **Feb. 18**, 1 p.m., in the conference room of the 377th Air Base Wing Headquarters Building 20604.

For eligibility for early out, reference Air Force Instruction 36-3205. Retraining may be an option.

Contact Master Sgt. Vera Romano at 846-0544.

★ MPF hours

The Military Personnel Flight is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for appointments.

Walk-in customers are welcome noon-2 p.m. in all sections other than Identification Cards, which is open to walk-in all operating hours.

Call 846-8979.

RECRUITING

★ Air Force Reserve

Active duty experience can pay off in the reserve. Take the opportunity to earn retirement credit and still enjoy the many benefits of being in the military.

Build on the knowledge and experience you have gained on active duty and continue to play a vital part in our country's defense.

Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

SCHOLARSHIPS

★ Spouses club

Applications for the 2004-2005 Kirtland Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship are available at area high school counseling offices, the Thrift Shop, Family Support Center, Mountain View Club and the Education Center.

High school seniors graduating in the spring of 2004 who are dependents of Armed Forces members assigned to Kirtland AFB, dependants of retired military members residing within a 50 mile radius of Kirtland AFB and military spouses who are already attending college are eligible.

Applications must be returned by **March 1**.

Call Gail Adkins at 232-2162.

★ Active duty family

The Military Officers Association of America's 2004 Scholarship program is open through **March 1**.

Scholarships are \$1,000 grants to 50 dependents of active duty personnel.

For full information and to apply, visit www.moaa.org.

★ Spouse scholarship

The Air Force Spouses Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to spouses of Air Force active duty, Reserve or Guard.

Spouses worldwide pursuing a degree can apply for the \$1,000 scholarships by **today**.

Details are at www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp.

★ Military children

Applications for the 2004 Scholarships for Military Children program are being accepted through **Feb. 18** from children of active duty and retired military, Guard and Reserve members. The academic scholarship awards are for \$1,500.

Visit the program's Web site at www.militaryscholar.org/.

★ Cheap movies

The Theater charges only \$.99 admission for all movies starting Feb. 1.

No more paper LES or W-2s from finance

Paper copies of military Leave and Earnings Statements will no longer be provided by Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Additionally, W-2s for military members should be available on myPay. The service will not mail hard copy W-2s unless the member is deployed.

Civilian employees should have received a hardcopy W-2 at their current mailing address. Additionally, they can access W-2s on myPay.

To access accounts on-line, military and civilians should visit the finance customer service counter to receive an immediate PIN or logon at <https://mypay.dfas.mil> to receive a PIN by mail.

Be cautious that you type in the Web address correctly. There are similar commercial sites which have no connection to the government.

To have a finance employee visit your organization with a laptop computer to provide PINs, call 2nd Lt. Michelle Paquet, 846-7258.

All commanders with personnel who don't normally have access to computers should make a computer available.

Computers are available also at the Rio Grande Community Center and the Library. Use caution when using a computer at a civilian facility, such as city libraries, you could compromise your password.